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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND REPORTS

SUBJECT: Compilation of a Special Area Report

REFERENCE: Memorandum from ADPC to ADRE, dated 4 August 1950;
Subject, Use of Topographic Expert (Confidential)

1. In order to satisfy the requirements of the priority project indicated in reference memorandum, it has become necessary to undertake more extensive and detailed research than OPC is equipped to perform. Certain phases of this research, because of their specialized nature and the urgency of the project, are currently being performed for us by Army, Navy and Air Forces Intelligence staffs. As a result of informal discussions on 9 November among OPC staff members and Messrs.

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of Eastern Europe/USSR Division, ORE, and [REDACTED] of Map Division, ORE, it was suggested that Eastern Europe/USSR Division, ORE, has the capabilities to undertake a special study on three sections of the research jointly agreed upon and produce a report tentatively by 31 December 1950. We should appreciate it if you would approve their undertaking such a special study.

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2. In connection with the seventeen areas outlined on a map already in [REDACTED] possession, Eastern Europe/USSR, Division, ORE, has indicated that it can furnish a report embodying current information when available and estimates when feasible on the following points:

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a. Population

- (1) Size and location of urban areas
- (2) Density of rural population (inhabitants per square mile or kilometer)
- (3) Ethnic composition, in percentage figures
- (4) Languages used and understood, in percentage figures
- (5) Religious composition, in percentage figures
- (6) Age, sex, background, occupation, party membership, etc.

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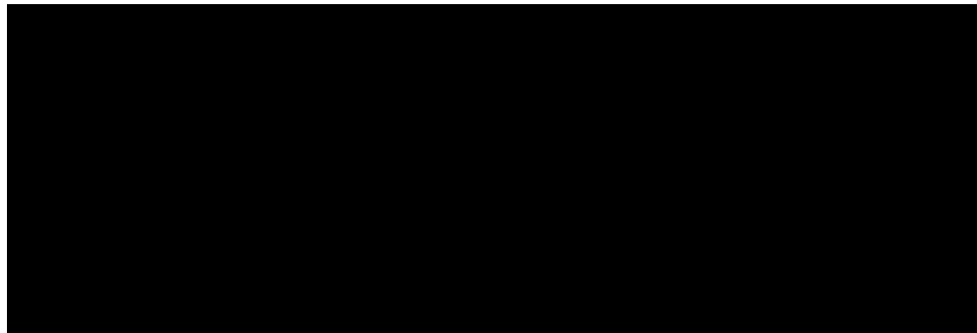
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- (7) Attitudes toward the USSR, toward the Soviet Government, toward the West, and toward the U.S.



b. Administrative and Security

- (1) MGB and MVD activity in the areas concerned
- (2) Security regulations, passport and document checks, police surveillance, etc.

c. Agriculture

- (1) Crops, available food, etc.
- (2) Livestock
- (3) Distribution of and other data pertaining to collective farms

3. In the future a few additional areas may be selected for which a report covering the points indicated in the foregoing paragraph 2 may be desirable. In addition, in order to keep the information on the areas current, it might be advisable to review them from time to time.

4. I shall be most grateful if you approve this project.



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